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In re Application of:

Applicant	: Male et al.	
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Title	: FLEXIBLE SHOWER ARM ASSEMBLY	Examiner: Barney, Seth E.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(b)(4) and 1.98
and STATEMENT OF RELATEDNESS UNDER M.P.E.P. § 2001.06(b)**

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Sir:

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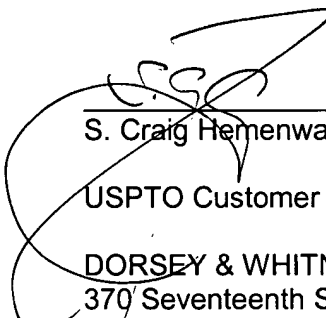
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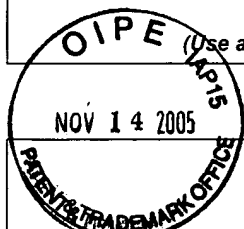


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